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(SALT TWO - 1365)

1. (CRANSTON - BUTTS/BELETSKY - PAVLICHENKO, A-1738)  
NON-PROLIFERATION

SEN. CRANSTON SAID IT APPEARED TO HIM THAT PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE AND HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE CARE AND THOROUGHNESS DISPLAYED BY BOTH DELEGATIONS. HE NOTED DELEGATIONS WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE PROGRESS, BUT PROGRESS AS A FUNCTION OF SPEED WAS SECONDARY ISSUE. OF PRIME IMPORTANCE WAS PRECISE EQUITABLE, AND ADEQUATELY VERIFIABLE AGREEMENT RESULTING FROM NEGOTIATIONS. CRANSTON FURTHER NOTED THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE THOUGHT OF AS THE FIRST STEP ON THE ROAD TO TOTAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND HE REMINDED BELETSKY OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S INAUGURAL SPEECH. BELETSKY RESPONDED BY OUTLINING SOVIET TOTAL SUPPORT OF DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION. HE SAID US PROPOSED NON-CIRCUMVENTION PROVISION, HOWEVER, DID NOT CONTAIN SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO RESPOND TO SOVIET CONCERNS. BUTTS STATED THAT US PROPOSAL WAS CAREFULLY FORMULATED, TAKING

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INTO FULL ACCOUNT SOVIET CONCERN; IT REPRESENTED A TOTALLY ADEQUATE REPLACEMENT FOR ARTICLES XII AND XIII, AND WAS A CLEAR AND PRECISE DECLARATION OF INTENT NOT REQUIRING ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

2. (CARR - JOHNSON/SHCHUKIN, A-1739)  
D&P, MOBILE ICBM TESTING

JOHNSON POINTED OUT TO SHCHUKIN THAT STATEMENT TODAY BY SEMENOV SEEMED AT VARIANCE WITH WHAT HE HAD UNDERSTOOD EARLIER CONCERNING IDENTIFICATION OF MIRV LAUNCHERS AT D&P. SHCHUKIN IN REPLY, INDICATED HE COULD EXPLAIN APPARENT INCONSISTENCIES, IN THAT FIRST 60 LAUNCHERS WERE COMPLETED BEFORE THE TESTS COULD BE FINISHED ON SS-19 WHICH LEAD US TO BELIEVE THERE MIGHT BE 120 MIRV LAUNCHERS AT THOSE SITES, SINCE THEY HAD NO MEANS OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN THE LAUNCHERS. HE ADDED THAT ANTENNAS WERE NOT INTEGRAL TO THE MIRV SYSTEM BUT WERE MERELY A DISTINGUISHING FEATURE; NOT PROOF POSITIVE OF EXISTENCE OF MIRV LAUNCHERS. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF MOBILE ICBM TESTING, SCHUKIN REITERATED THAT ROAD TESTS, ERECTION OF DUMMY MISSILES, ETC, WOULD BE CONSIDERED TESTS OF LAUNCHER, BUT ADDED THAT THIS REPRESENTED ONLY HIS VIEWS, NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF OTHER SOVIET DELEGATION MEMBERS.

3. (KLOSSON - MCNEILL/KARPOV - SMOLIN, A-1749)  
DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT, MIRV MISSILE DESIGNATIONS

KARPOV SAID SOVIET SIDE PREPARED IN AGREED STATEMENT TO PARA 3, XVI, TO ELIMINATE PHRASE " INCLUDING PROVISIONS ASSOCIATED WITH TESTING" IF USDEL WOULD OMIT PHRASE "INCLUDING MEASURES ASSOCIATED WITH TESTING". HE ADDED  
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SOVDEL WAS PREPARED TO DROP WORD "SPECIAL". KARPOV SAID SEPARATE AGREED STATEMENT ON SUBJECT OF TELEMETRIC INFORMATION WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH SOVIET PREFERENCES. AGREED STATEMENT COULD COVER TWO ASPECTS; FIRST, THE CONTENTS OF TELEMETRIC TRANSMISSIONS AND SECONDLY CHOICE OF METHODS USED TO TRANSMIT SUCH INFORMATION DURING TESTING. HE STATED IN SOVIET VIEW, THE FORMER COULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO SALT NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE LATTER SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT. SMOLIN REFERRED TO US PAPER RECONCILING SOVIET AND US DESIGNATORS FOR MIRV MISSILES AND STATED HE SAW NO NEED FOR DETAILED STATEMENT OF THIS SORT.

4. (FREW - KWIECIAK/BEKETOV - KUKLEV, A-1747)  
MIRV VERIFICATION

IN ANSWER TO QUERY BY KUKLEV, FREW STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION SOVIET STATEMENT WOULD HELP US UNDERSTAND SITUATION AT D&P BUT IT DID NOT APPEAR TO BRING SIDES CLOSER TOGETHER ON BROADER ISSUE OF A GENERAL COUNTING RULE FOR MIRV LAUNCHERS. KUKLEV OBSERVED THAT COUNTING RULES BEING SOUGHT BY US WOULD CONT AS MIRV LAUNCHERS

120 NON-MIRV LAUNCHERS AT D&P. IN DISCUSSING MIRV  
SS-19S THAT HAD BEEN LAUNCHED FROM LAUNCHERS WITH AND  
WITHOUT ANTENNAS, BEKETOV SAID LAUNCHERS AT TEST SITES  
WERE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE IN FIELD AND THAT AT OPER-  
ATIONAL SITES THE ANTENNA IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO LAUNCH  
MIRV MISSILES. CITING SLBMS AS EXAMPLE, HE POINTED OUT  
THAT LAUNCHERS FROM WHICH SLBMS ARE INITIALLY TESTED  
ARE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE IN WHICH THEY ARE DEPLOYED  
AND THAT ASSOCIATION OF A NEW SLBM WITH ITS LAUNCHERS  
WOULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL SLBM INSTALLED ON AN SSBN.  
KWIECIAK POINTED OUT THAT US FORMULATION WHICH "CONTAINED  
OR LAUNCHED" CRITERIA WOULD ACCOUNT FOR THIS SITUATION.  
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